

RANGE MARKS

Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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From the Commodore:

I have to admit, that I had a great time at Tall Timbers. Even though it was raining and foggy on the way down, and even though it was ROUGH coming back, and even though we didn't get any sleep (who's fault was that?), and even though the food and music was great, and even though... My point is that you can have a good time even when the weather is rotten. However, these summer storms lately have been pretty nasty. Hope that doesn't mean an aggressive hurricane season. Which brings me to the point: Watch the weather carefully. Moat VHF radios have the weather channel. Lightning and wind can come up pretty quickly. Watch the skies. Be careful out there.

Many of us go on vacation during the summer leaving our boats behind. Most of us leave a key with a friend who is the "DD" (designated dummy) to look after the boat in case of a hurricane drill. I highly recommend that you have a plan for evacuating your boat from the dock, because sooner or later this summer, I can guarantee that we will get the opportunity to dance the dance. Hurricane season is here.

See ya on the water (dodging lightning bolts)

Ron

A better way to sand by David J. Thompson

Sometimes you have to let necessity take over. I discovered a neat way to sand old bottom paint which is easy and clean. I used a drywall sander with a drywall screen except I used it wet. What I found is I could get long strokes and it cut the paint but not the glass. After about a minute of sanding I dipped the head of the unit in a five gallon bucket of water. This did two things: First it wet the sander and second it deposited all the old paint in the bucket of water. The old paint sank to the bottom while I continued to sand with the fresh water/sander. So I had the sander and it worked like a champ.

CONGRATULATIONS

Radio Flyer brought back two 1st from Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Spring Series.

Important Dates:

Centerboard Dock Party	
July 13	
New Moon Cruise	July 28
Crab Feast	Aug 19
PHRF Dock Party	Aug 21
Centerboard Dock Party	
Aug 24	

DYC Racing by Tom Owen

The PHRF Spring Series is continuing to proceed as expected. While no additional races were cancelled or abandoned during the last month, there were some close calls.

The 7th race took place while I was on travel to Albuquerque, NM, but I understand that it was an interesting affair that consisted of 2 windward/leeward laps from the Junction Buoy to "29". There were 2 Portsmouth boats participating, but both were "DNF" with only 1 lap.

The 8th race was a special windward/leeward from the Junction Buoy to "32" and back. Thunderstorms threatened before and after the actual race, but thankfully none happened during the race. After rounding "32" about halfway to "JB", the winds diminished to the point where the completion of the race was in jeopardy. It took the first 2 boats over 15 minutes to sail the last 100 yards. However, the winds did fill in from the river, and all but one PHRF boat and the Portsmouth boat were able to complete the race. This also marked the last race of the Spring Low Points Series.

The 9th race began the Summer Low Points Series and saw the start of a new A Fleet yacht. The long triangle course was a good call with a reaching 1st leg, beat 2nd leg, and reaching 3rd leg. The winds were puffy, but held for the entire race for change. After all of the scrambling to reach the 1st and 2nd marks, the fleet then divided into 2 groups for the finish. The Spring Low Points Series awards were presented at the social immediately following the race.

The Centerboard Racing Fleet is finally underway. However, the wind forgot to show for the first 2 weeks, so the competitors had no choice but to go home. Week 3 had 2 Lasers and Galilee for 4 short races. Week 4 had 4 Lasers plus Galilee for 3 races. However, unlike Week 3 where the results of each race was the same, there were 2 different winners in Week 4. The last race had all 4 Lasers completing within 26 seconds which kept the Race Committee busy trying to keep everything straight. Week 5 was cancelled due to lack of participation.

The next major event outside of the weekly PHRF and Centerboard races will be the St. Clements Pursuit Race September 9-10. Stay tuned for more information on the Web site as we get closer to the actual event.

The DYC Racing Program is looking for more participants, both boats and crew. Anyone that is interested in participating in either keel boat or daysail types of events, please contact the DYC Race Committee at dycracecom@nswc.navy.mil or the Race Governor at (540) 653-7614.

The Race Committee is scheduled to meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from February through October at 17:00 in JD's Training and Conference Center. Interested parties are always welcome to attend. For more information concerning the racing program, call the Race Governor at (540) 653-7614.

Centerboard Regatta

The DYC Centerboard Regatta was held on June 10. Eight boats braved the elements - hot sun and light wind. There were four Lasers and four boats in the open fleet. The first race was delayed until some wind came up and was shorted when the wind took an afternoon nap. The wind came back and held for the second and third races. The racers returned to DYC to feast on sausages and give out awards. Bill and Janine Armstrong won the open fleet in their Lightning and Bruce Gosse won the Laser fleet. A big thank you to everyone on the race committee boat and all the safety boats. Thanks to Bob Flath for manning the grill on a very hot day.

PHRF Spring Series

The PHRF Spring Low Point series awards were presented at the dock party on June 19. Radio Flyer took A Fleet honors and Night Moose was best in B Fleet. Congratulations!

SOCIAL EVENTS by Dave Bowen

Another Memorable Memorial Day Boating Weekend at Tall Timbers

The Dahlgren Yacht Club went a'cruisin down the river in the rain. Nine of the sixteen boats signed up went, the others called the marina and cancelled out for reasons not too difficult to fathom. It rained on the way down on Saturday, then Sunday wasn't bad and several boats took off for home. The hard core got bounced around and wet on Monday. As usual, the main entertainment on arrival day was watching (laughing and shouting stupid suggestions to) each boat upon docking.

As usual, we enjoyed each other's company, sharing libations aboard and in the restaurant/bar/music hall. Had a good buffet Saturday followed by music thanks to a kareokier who arrived by boat from the north. Our own Charles the Crooner started off the singing and it went up hill (maybe) from there. If it went a little further up hill it might have been more appreciated. I did my job as Social Governor and went to bed, but I understand our Great Commodore did a duet with his beautiful daughter that was really pretty good, although there wasn't a big rush for autographs on Sunday that I noticed.

On Sunday after brunch, we all boarded the Cox water taxi and toured Piney Point Light and Museum. This was fun and satisfied our rather low level requirement for adventure and education.

So lets do it all again. For the fair weather sailors, maybe next time. Check out the pictures. Luckily, they save thousands of words

Report on DYC at Cobb Island Days

This is from the viewpoint of the skipper of Time Aweigh and maybe a little unsociable sometimes Social Governor. I say that because we really didn't attend all the goings-on over there, and there was plenty going on. Reel Magic and Second Wind also were with us from DYC. We went to the craft fair but missed the corn shucking. We went to the pig roast of course, at which everything was very good. The Lushers came by by boat which was a pleasant surprise and there was all kinds of gatherings of folks from boats from all around the River. Our 28' may have been the smallest boat there and was probably the only one not air conditioned. After everyone left our boat and the sun had retreated, Nita and I took showers and decided to call it a day. We missed the dancing and partying on Saturday night but we all made it to brunch in the morning. Then we headed home before it got too hot again.

We first attended Cobb Island Days two years ago - the first annual. The Erskines and the Bowens remember it as a very hot weekend, the pig didn't get done on time etc, but the Cobb Island Yacht Club and the folks over there have really tweaked this up and made it a real outstanding affair. Hats off to them and Don Thayer, Commodore, and Chuck Johnston, Vice Commodore, especially.

Dock Parties

We had two dock parties recently, the Centerboard Regatta Party and the PHRF Party No. 1. Thanks to Bob Flath and Joe Fitcher and everyone else who pitched in and helped, they were successes with good food and good turnouts. Its a great club and its fun to get together. My thanks to all who volunteered and helped out.

From the Dockmaster:

Reminder - Please watch your wake around the pier. Some boats have been creating too much wake. Remember you are responsible for any damaged caused by your wake.

NOAA has indicated high probability of hurricanes and tropical storms this season. Please pay attention to local forecasts concerning SEVERE Thunderstorms, Tropical Storms, and Hurricane notifications

Vacation time is here. Remember you must notify the Dockmaster if you will be gone from the area. You also must designate a person to be responsible for your boat while you are gone. This applies to wet and dry slips as well as the daysail racks.

DYC Merchandise

SHIRTS

Polo Shirts in many colors and sizes with the DYC burgee! Get yours embroidered with your name and boat for no extra charge! Price is just \$29.50. Special Offer: Buy more than one shirt and get a \$3 discount per shirt when shipped together to the same address! Call 540-775-7249.

BASEBALL CAPS

Embroidered caps are also available in many two-toned colors! Just \$18.50! Special Offer: Buy more than one and get a \$3 discount per cap when shipped together to the same address! Call 540-775-7249.

BURGEES

On sale now to DYC members. Just \$21! Show your pride when you visit other yacht clubs or just cruise around. Get them while they last! Call 804- 224-7690.

HUGGIES

Don't let your drink get hot this summer! Keep the cold in with a DYC huggie. On sale now for just \$3! Special Offer: Act Now and get two for just \$5 -- that's \$1 off the Regular Price! Call 540-775-7249.

FOR SALE by Members

24 ft. GRUMMAN Pontoon boat/ 70 hp Johnson/EZ loadtrailer. Head, gas grill, fishfinder, VHF radio, more. \$3500.00. Call Bobby Layman 663-3916.

22' Cabin Cruiser \$6,500.00

New motor (302/100 hrs) Rebuilt ALPHA 1 Merc I/O

New Epoxy (Interlux 2000E) bottom, tandem axle trailer, VHF, AM/FM Tape, 2 depth finders, new upholstery, head, galley. Coast guard inspected last year. Dependable.

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